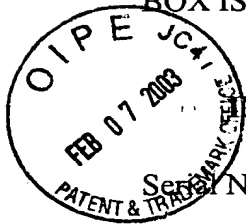


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LETTER TO EXAMINER REGARDING NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowability dated December 16, 2002 for the above-referenced application, and would respectfully like to point out the following:

1. There is no reference made as to acceptance of the drawings by the Examiner. Applicants are filing a set of formal drawings concurrently with this letter, in case they are required.
2. A First Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 19, 2002 and Applicants respectfully request that the items listed on the PTO-1449 form filed thereon, be initialed by the Examiner to ensure that they appear on the face of the patent. Additionally, as pointed out in a Second Preliminary Amendment filed on June 14, 2002, there was an error in the patent number cited for item 11 on page 1 of a 3 page Form PTO-1449 filed on September 17, 2001. Applicants respectfully request that this corrected item also be initiated by the Examiner.
3. Neither a claim for foreign priority nor receipt of the certified copies acknowledged. The present application claims priority from two Israel applications 124694 and 129067. The certified copy of 129067 should have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). The certified copy of 124694 should have been received

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from the International Bureau in the national stage of US Application No. 09/701,523, from which this application claims domestic priority.

4. No acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority, under 35 U.S.C. §120. The Related Applications section, as amended in the Preliminary Amendment, as well as the Declaration, reflect the claim of domestic priority from US patent applications no. 09/701,523 and 09/701,531, both filed on November 28, 2000, and PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00670 filed on December 8, 1999.
5. The filing receipt is incorrect as it neither reflects the above-mentioned domestic priority data as claimed by applicant nor the correct foreign applications. An expedited request for corrected filing receipt is being filed under separate cover.

Applicants respectfully request that a Supplemental Notice of Allowance be issued with reference to the items 1-4 mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted,
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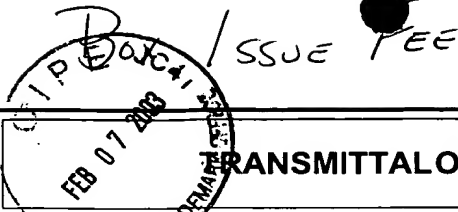
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24 sheets of formal drawing(s) for this application.

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